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Dear Sir:

This declaration is to establish conception of the invention at a date prior to June 29, 2001, which is the earliest effective date of a reference (U.S. Patent Number 6,847,618) cited by the examiner, coupled with diligence in completing the invention in this application in the United States until filing of the patent application on September 26, 2001.

1. Conception of the invention occurred prior to the effective date of the reference, June 29, 2001.
2. From the date of conception to prior to the effective date of the reference, inventors diligently prepared an invention disclosure (Exhibit A).
3. The invention disclosure, prepared by the named inventors was received by the Intellectual Property Department of Siemens Corporation as documented on the first page of the invention disclosure (Exhibit A).
4. The invention disclosure was sent to Outside Counsel for draft of the application (Exhibit B).
5. The patent application was filed on September 26, 2001.

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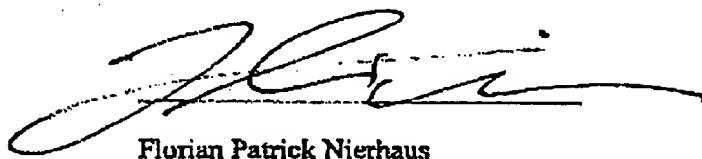
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